

\$994,532 headed to Columbiana County's The Way Station, Inc.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce a YouthBuild grant worth \$994,532 from the Department of Labor that will benefit The Way Station, Inc. in Columbiana County. According to the Department of Labor, “YouthBuild is an alternative education program that offers young people ages 16-24 training and practical experience for construction industry careers. The program draws participants through employment in home construction and rehabilitation projects in their communities. YouthBuild participants also earn high school diplomas or GEDs through the program. Participants include young people who have been in the juvenile justice system, are aging out of foster care, are high school dropouts, or otherwise at-risk of failing to reach key educational milestones and the opportunities that lead to career fulfillment.”

The Way Station, Inc. is located at 769 Springfield Rd. in Columbiana, Ohio and will use the funding to pay for on the job training at various partner sites including: The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, Columbiana County Career and Technical Center, Ohio Department of Development, Titan Construction, Columbiana County One-Stop, East Liverpool Municipal Court, Nehemiah Network, New Life Academy, Kent State University, Home Builder's Association of the Mahoning Valley, Columbiana County Dept. of Job and Family Services, Glidden Paints, and Home Depot.

“Congratulations to The Way Station,” Wilson said. “This hands-on training is exactly the kind of work that not only benefits individuals by giving them key work skills, it benefits the community. The better and more trained our workforce is, the more attractive we are as a region to prospective employers.”